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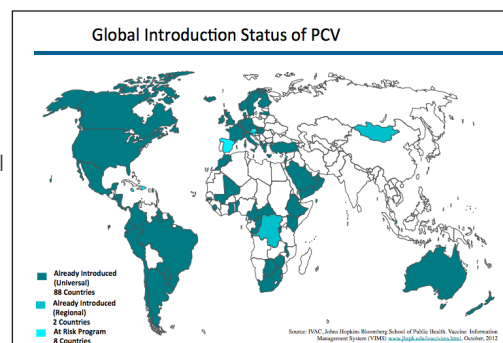
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Wondering how many countries are using pneumococcal vaccine?
Want to see which GAVI countries have introduced rotavirus vaccine?
Traveling to an unfamiliar country and need basic health and vaccine information fast?
You need VIMS.

WHAT IS VIMS?

The Vaccine Information Management System (VIMS) is a web-based resource designed to provide the international public health community with fast, accurate, and secure data for 193 countries on the global uptake of Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib), pneumococcal, rotavirus and hepatitis B vaccines; demographic indicators; EPI schedule; and tools for strategic social mapping of key vaccine policy stakeholders and decision makers. The VIMS database can deliver standardized reports such as country summaries or be used to perform custom research and analyses. VIMS was created in 2008 at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health as a collaborative effort between the GAVI Alliance-funded projects of The Hib

Global Introduction Status of PCV

- Already Introduced (Universal) 88 Countries
- Already Introduced (Regional) 2 Countries
- At Risk Program 8 Countries

Source: IVAC, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Vaccine Information Management System (VIMS) www.jhsph.edu/ivac/vims.html. October, 2012

GAVI ALLIANCE

Initiative and PneumoADIP and is now housed at the International Vaccine Access Center (IVAC). VIMS is made possible through support from the GAVI Alliance.

VIMS INFORMATION ON DEMAND

PRINT & FLY
Headlines and top-level data: An ideal briefing before a country visit, this cohesive report provides important background information, details about GAVI application history and introduction status.

CUSTOM REPORT
In-depth data: Use indicators such as GNI per capita, National Immunization Program schedule, and vaccine coverage to compare across countries, regions, income levels, or GAVI eligibility.

VACCINE EXPERIENCE
Vaccine-specific questions and country comparisons: Detailed information on the introduction and use of any of the four vaccines in VIMS, searchable by country, region, GAVI eligibility, introduction/use status, income groups, or timeframe.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
Detailed data: Easy access to specialized vaccine information across countries or regions. Includes immunization schedules; vaccine formulation, finance, and presentation information; GAVI co-pay status; vaccine wastage and coverage rates; and information on Post-Introduction Evaluations and Rapid Assessment Tool studies where applicable.

VIMS QUICK START GUIDE

Logging In

Periodic public VIMS reports are available at http://www.jhsph.edu/ivac/vims/. However, due to the sensitive nature of some of the data, access to the system is only granted to authorized users. To gain access:

- Email vims@jhsph.edu to obtain a user ID and password.
- Visit http://www.jhsph.edu/ivac/vims/, select "Access VIMS," and enter your user ID and password.

Navigating the Database

Once you log in, you will see the VIMS homepage, which contains a welcome message, information about changes and updates to the system, and the following navigation tabs that you can use to access various functions of VIMS:

- Country Profile – View basic vaccine information for any country by highlighting the country and clicking "Search." Quickly access a "Print & Fly" report, an ideal briefing to prepare for a country visit, or a custom report to answer specific research questions.
- Vaccines – View information about countries' use of hep B, Hib, rota, and pneumococcal vaccines, as well as GAVI status and co-pay
- Reports – Access all VIMS reports and export into various formats.
- My Profile – Change your personal information.

ORIENTATION MATERIALS

To help you be more productive in the VIMS database, the VIMS site includes a series of orientation materials, including a user manual and seven video tutorials. The 2-5 minute video tutorials will walk you through basic functions like using the Country Profile and Vaccines tabs and generating a standard "Print & Fly" report. They will also show you how to perform custom queries and generate time series data, disease burden data, and vaccine use data. If you need additional assistance, contact vims@jhsph.edu.

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